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August 4, 2008

## LETTER OF CAUTION

Mr. Steven Dummer Allen, Cobb, Hood & Atkinson, P.A. One Hancock Plaza, Suite 1212 Gulfport, MS 39501

RE: City of Pass Christian Recovery Program

Dear Mr. Dummer:

The Business Regulation and Enforcement Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi (hereinafter "Division"), on behalf of the Secretary of State, having the power to administer and to enforce the provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act, Miss. Code Ann. Section 79-11-501 *et seq.*, hereby issues this Letter of Caution to the City of Pass Christian Recovery Program ("PCRP").

## Parties

- 1. C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr., is the duly elected Secretary of State for the State of Mississippi.
- 2. PCRP is a "charitable organization" as defined in Miss. Code Ann. Section 79-11-501(a).

#### Jurisdiction

1. The parties herein acknowledge and confess to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State as to the parties and the subject matter of this Letter of Caution.

### Facts

- 1. PCRP has submitted to the Secretary of State its Uniform Registration Statement, dated March 19, 2008, for renewal of its registration as a charitable organization in the State of Mississippi.
- PCRP acknowledges that, while operating as a registered charity in Mississippi, it utilized the services of Ms. Evalina Schmuckler to prepare grants in an effort to solicit and collect charitable contributions in Mississippi;
- PCRP acknowledges that it is a violation of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act for a charity to solicit donations through the use of an unregistered professional fund-raiser;
- 4. PCRP understands that Ms. Schmuckler was not registered as a professional fund-raiser in Mississippi, as is required by the Act;
- 5. PCRP acknowledges that PCRP and Ms. Schmuckler, individually and/or collectively, interacted with at least one Mississippi citizen in an effort to raise awareness to charitable programs and solicit donations therefor;
- 6. PCRP acknowledges it has a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure that any professional fund-raisers utilized by PCRP are registered pursuant to the Act. With respect to the matter made the basis of this Letter of Caution, PCRP has responded by taking steps to ensure its compliance with the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act.

On the basis of the above, the Division hereby issues this **LETTER OF CAUTION** to PCRP and cautions that such actions as described in the Facts above may be considered to be violations of PCRP's duty to ensure registration of its professional fund-raisers and fundraising counsel.

Requirements & Agreements

Without a finding or admission of wrongdoing, the Division and PCRP hereby agree to the following:

- 1. PCRP will comply with the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act and Rules promulgated thereunder.
- 2. PCRP agrees to pay to the "Mississippi Secretary of State" Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) upon acknowledgement of this Letter of Caution.

The parties herein acknowledge that they have read the terms of this Letter of Caution, which is complete, and they agree to comply with all the terms herein. The parties further agree that any change, modification, or alteration of this document may only be done in writing agreed to by all parties.

C. DELBERT HOSEMANN, JR. Secretary of State

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